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DECLARATION OF TAKAFUMI OKAMURA
INVENTOR

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Takafumi Okamura, do hereby declare that I am the third named inventor of the above referenced application. My name was mis-pronounced when the PCT International application papers were prepared, and thus, my given name in English was stated as Takashi in the PCT International application papers.

Since I did not prepare these papers, I did not notice the error.

The mistake was an inadvertent error without deceptive intent.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these

statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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Date: March 6, 2002

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JAPANESE PATENT ATTORNEYAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Hiroshi Nirasawa, do hereby declare that I am a Japanese Patent Attorney and oversaw the filing of the PCT International application from which this U.S. application arose.

When we were instructed to file the PCT International Application from which this present U.S. application is based, my secretary prepared the names of the inventors on the basis of the names listed in the Japanese Patent Application No. 11-255746 from which priority was claimed in the PCT International application. There was no information in that priority application of how to pronounce the given name of the third inventor. My secretary took it for granted that the name would be pronounced Takashi and prepared the PCT International

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application filing papers as if the name was pronounced Takashi. As it turns out, the proper pronunciation is Takafumi. Thus the error was one of mis-pronouncing the name, and preparing the English equivalent based on the mis-pronunciation. We did not notice this at the time of filing the PCT International application.

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Hiroshi Nirasawa

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DECLARATION OF YUKIAKI NAKAISHI
PERSON HAVING FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

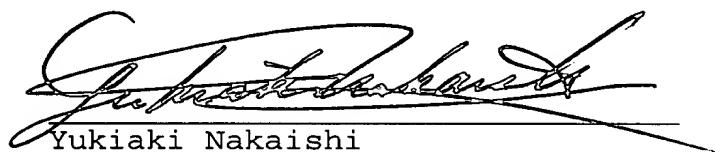
I, Yukiaki Nakaishi, do hereby declare that I am personal secretary to Japanese Patent Attorney Hiroshi Nirasawa. When we were instructed to file the PCT International Application from which this present U.S. application is based, I prepared the names of the inventors on the basis of the names listed in the Japanese Patent Application No. 11-255746 from which priority was claimed in the PCT International application. There was no information in that priority application of how to pronounce the given name of the third inventor. I took it for granted that the name would be pronounced Takashi and prepared the PCT International application filing papers as if the name was pronounced Takashi. As it turns out, the proper pronunciation is

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Yukiaki Nakaishi

Date: February 22, 2002